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FOR AMBASSADOR SHELDON B. VANCE

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 14886 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA  
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 14886

FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR EG

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN SEIZURE OF ALLEGED TURKISH OPIUM

REF: STATE 267319

1. AS REPORTED CAIRO 14658, WE HAVE ALREADY URGED  
GENERAL FARAG TO CONVEY DETAILS OF OPIUM SEIZURE TO  
TURKISH EMBASSY FOR TURKISH POLICE. FARAG BELIVES HE  
HAS TO OBTAIN MININTERIOR APPROVAL BEFORE DOING SO, BUT  
HAS AGREED NOTIFY TURKS THROUGH INTERPOL.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE MATTERS, I RAISED THE  
SUBJECT WITH FOMIN FAHMY TODAY, NOTING  
THAT TURKISH EMBASSY HAS FOR SOME WEEKS HAD AN UNANSWERED  
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REQUEST FOR DETAILS ON OPIUM SEIZURE. I RECOGNIZED THAT

THERE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE POLICY PROBLEMS WITH TURKEY, BUT URGED THAT IN A MATTER OF THIS SORT THESE BE PUT ASIDE AND SUCH INFORMATION AS GOE HAS BE GIVEN TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY FOR FORWARDING TO ANKARA.

3. FAHM Y DISCOUNTED POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY AND SAID HE SAW NO REASON WHY ANA SHOULD NOT GIVE TURKEY SAMPLE OF THE OPIUM AS HAS BEEN DONE WITH US AND UN. HE WAS LESS FORTHCOMING ON BRIEFING TURKISH EMBASSY ON DETAILS OF OPIUM SEIZURE. ASKED WHY, FAHMY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS COULD MEAN DIVULGING SOURCES AND HAMPER FURTHER ANA INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. WHO KNOWS, HE OBSERVED, THERE MAY EVEN BE A TURKISH MINISTER BEHIND THE ILLEGAL OPIUM SMUGGLING. I SUGGESTED THAT, IF THERE ARE SUCH SENSITIVE DETAILS IN THE INTERROGATION REPORT, PERHAPS A SANITIZED VERSION COULD BE GIVEN TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY. FAMY PROFESSED NOT TO SEE HOW A SANITIZED VERSION WITHOUT SOURCES AND ESSENTIAL NAMES AND PLACES WOULD BE OF ANY USE. HE, NEVERTHELESS, UNDERTOOK TO HAVE HIS STAFF DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH FARAG AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO GIVE SOME SORT OF RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY.

4. JUDGING FROM EMBASSY ANKARA'S REPORTS, TURKS ALREADY KNOW DETAILS FROM SOMEONE. IF SO, IS THERE ANY REAL NEED TO PRESS GOE TO INFORM TURKISH EMBASSY? WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS, BUT EGYPTIANS ARE CLEARLY SUSPICIOUS OF TURKS AND RELUCTANT TO DIVULGE SOURCES.

5. DR. HAMDI AL-HAKIM, NAME I REGRET TO SAY OPENS NO DOORS HERE, IF FARAG GOES THROUGH WITH HIS PROMISE NOTIFY TURKS THROUGH INTERPOL, PERHAPS WE HAVE PROBLEM SOLVED. IF NOT, WE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS. REQUEST ANKARA KEEP US INFORMED IF TURKS IN FACT NOTIFIED AND HOW. EIMLT. UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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